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### REMARKS

Claims 2-15, as amended, are presented for examination.  
Reconsideration is respectfully requested. Claim 1 is cancelled and claims 16-19 were previously cancelled.

In the present application, claims 1-15 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) and 35 U.S.C. 103 as being unpatentable over Glaser et al., U.S. 3,136,711. Claims 2-15 stand objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 2-15 have been rewritten to omit reference to claim 1. The amended claims do not include the limitations of claim 1. However, since the Examiner believes that claim 1 is anticipated or obvious over the prior art, excluding these limitations in the objected claims 2-15, should not change the allowability of claims 2-15.

Applicants believe that the claims now present in this application to be patentable and that this application is in condition for allowance, and such favorable action is respectfully requested. If any questions or issues remain, the resolution of which the Examiner feels would be advanced by a conference, he is invited to contact Applicants' attorney at the telephone number noted below.

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